

Lord, Angela

From: Amy H <helloloveducks@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget proposal

Dear City Council Members,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro PD has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000.

I am a resident, small business owner, and very proud member of my community, and I believe that by prioritizing funding towards community building opportunities instead of over funding the police department Greensboro will benefit and be a much safer place for everyone.

Please allocate these funds towards benefiting our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to reevaluate the proposed budget and focus on uplifting our community!

Thank you for your time,
Amy Hodges

Lord, Angela

From: Nego Crosson <shorty6string@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: defund the police

Dear City Government Officials,

I am writing about the budget proposed recently by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that this budget includes a \$2 million increase for the Greensboro Police Department. Meanwhile it cuts \$1 million from Community Services, threatening the GTA and programs like participatory budgeting, specifically cutting \$55,000 from Neighborhood Development.

I love this city and I fervently believe that this is not only short sighted mismanagement of public funds, but that it actually will make our city less safe, particularly for black and brown families. I urge you to reevaluate the proposed budget and shift the spending toward uplifting the community, away from the police.

The following is from my 6 yr old Jack:

i think that you should spend more money on stuff like play grounds and parks. Once we saw yellow jackets building a nest in a slide at Steelman Park and if you don't fix that kids will get stung.

Sincerely,
Nego and Jack Crosson
1005 Lexington Ave

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From: Kristina Davis <krisssykrystina08@gmail.com>
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From: SunQueen Kelcey <kelceysmusic@gmail.com>
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From: Zack Eller <zack101035@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed city budget

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Thank you,
Zackary Eller

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From: Amelya Black <amelyaspeace@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget

To the City Council regarding our proposed budget:

Please use our dollars for initiatives and services promoting community growth! We need more resources for housing, recreation centers, and funds to host further community talks with leaders and law enforcement.

Please do not give more money than needed to our police.

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists, and will persist." -Eisenhower Please Thanks Sincerely Amelya Black

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Romie D Sachs-Devere <sachsdevererd@guilford.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Budget

To the City Council,

My name is Romie Sachs-DeVere and I am a former resident of Greensboro, having lived there for 6 years. Greensboro will always be a home for me, and more importantly many of my loved ones still reside within the city limits.

I am writing to you with regards to the most recent proposed city budget from city manager David Parrish. I am disheartened to see that the latest budget calls for an increase in the city's police budget of \$2 million, while simultaneously cutting community services by \$1 million. I implore you to reconsider this suggestion.

I believe the Greensboro PD to be an extremely essential service within the city, however, the evidence has clearly shown that money put into community services are far more valuable to creating environments of peace and stability than the weaponization and increase of police presence in local communities.

If we are to truly value the lives and work of our local police department then we must provide them with support in the form of localized community organizations. This will be the only way we keep the officers and the communities they protect safe. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

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Lord, Angela

From: Manuel Parada Sosa <mparadas@cbu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Thank you,
Manuel

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From: Sidney Jones <squidneyjones@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:38 PM
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From: John Wagner <john.wagner.ws86@statefarm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Uplift Our Community!

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Best Regards,

John

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From: Allison Spooner <allison.spooner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund the police

As a citizen of Greensboro for nearly 10 years, I am very concerned about how much of the city budget is going to our city's police force. What message is it sending to our community that we spend more on policing than we do on community resources and housing? Especially in light of the current climate, I am urging you to DEFUND THE POLICE.

Thank you,
Allison Spooner
1106 Grayland Street

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From: Anthony Caison Jr. <caison04@gmail.com>
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From: Zoe Tallmadge <zoe.d.tallmadge@gmail.com>
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Zoe Tallmadge

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From: Zenia Hart <hart5240@icloud.com>
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From: Haylea Markham <hayleamarkham@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Police Department Funding

Dear City Council,

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Nathan Rowe

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From: Sam Smith <sam@wowsamsmith.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Request for change to proposed budget

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Sam Smith
sam@wowsamsmith.com
(336) 455-3413

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From: Anne Howard Millican <hmillican@triad.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: budget

Thank you for taking comments. I know that budgeting can be extremely problematic but I cannot believe that in our current environment that a decision to enhance law enforcement is coming at the expense of social programs when they are so needed. Is this \$1,00,000 to be used for cultural awareness on the part of law enforcement? If not it is way too tone deaf not to mention CRZAY to do this. Postpone the purchase of some cruisers; we are all having to cut corners; some of us don't even have corners.

Thanks for listening,
Anne Howard Millican

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From: Andrew Mendez <andymendeznj4@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Defund PD

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a former resident of Greensboro however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Best,
Emily Zbehlik

From: Stephen McCollum <mccollumsm47@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund the GSO Police in the next budget cycle, please

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I am a citizen of Greensboro. I consulted with former Mayor Yvonne Johnson to create the Community Sustainability Council and am a former chairperson of the CSC. I support the City Council’s desire to implement plans and programs to make GSO the greenest city in the southeast as part of its 2040 comprehensive plan.

We’ve known for a long time that the impending disruptive changes in climate will disproportionately affect economically disadvantaged people, which includes many people of color.

If we want to create the greenest city to protect ourselves (ALL of us) from the worst impacts of climate change, then surely we should want to protect ourselves (ALL of us) from even more immediate threats of inequality and injustice, things that we can have more direct control over in the short term.

The death of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25 has changed the climate in America and it offers the City of GSO an opportunity to step up and move forward toward enhanced justice and access to services and resources for ALL of us.

Let’s have the moral courage this year to take a risk. Let’s channel all, or at least a dominant portion, of the proposed increase in funding for the GSO Police Department into community services like housing/shelter, food security, neighborhood programs, etc.

Let’s not just be content to strive to be the greenest city in the Southeast. Let’s strive to be the most generous and just city in the region. Greatness begins from a foundation. We can firm the foundation of our city by sharing resources and tending to the need of our most vulnerable citizens, our sisters and brothers, who need our attention now more than ever before and before we ALL begin to have to experience together the long-term effects of climate change.

Let’s take a common breath together, Greensboro. We’ve known for many years that the quality of our air can be challenged by contaminants. We must find the collective courage to honor the last breath of Mr. Floyd and so many others with a common pledge to justice and equality for ALL.

This is a moment that defines leadership. May I commend to you these words of Mayor Melvin Carter of St. Paul, MN: “Peace not patience.”

Your community is watching. Will you see them? Can you step up to create a climate of sustainability in Greensboro that truly embraces ALL of us?

Thank you.
Stephen McCollum
3225 Pleasant Garden Road, Apt. 1B
Greensboro, NC 27406
336-501-2000

Lord, Angela

From: Terrence Christian <tlchrist@aggies.ncat.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Lord, Angela

From: Korwen <korwenmouzon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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~Blessed Beyond Measure~

Lord, Angela

From: Michaela Moody <mmmmoody@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Re-allocation of funding

I am emailing in regards to the allocation of \$1 million dollars towards the Greensboro police department . With all of the tension going on do you truly believe this is appropriate.. How about updating training for police officers . The same exact things are going to go on because the intentions and structure in themselves are corrupt. No more weapons are needed. Fix the damn roads, communities need the funding. There are REAL PEOPLE being affected by this mess, most of the violence from the protesting isn't being cause by the public in the first place. And the evidence is everywhere in plain site. Never get into a position and lose the good intention of being a decent human being for a pay check . This is ridiculous.

Lord, Angela

From: Austin Huet <austinhuet@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Police brutality

Dear City Council,

Concerning the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro (born and raised) and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

It seems that budgeting has allowed for Geneva convention-banned chemical weapons and riot gear (some items of which could be better utilized as PPE on the frontlines in our hospitals against covid-19) which is destabilizing our community and literally going to war on our citizens.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kendall Rooks <krooks@aggies.ncat.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Police Department- Funding concerns

Good afternoon

My name is Kendall Rooks, a student at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Born and raised in Greensboro, North Carolina I have observed many inappropriate policing issues in the last ten years of my life. I ask that the Greensboro Police Department plan a strategy with the involvement of black citizens of Greensboro to develop a plan on how to grow and develop policing in Greensboro to serve those who throughout history have not been treated equally by the City of Greensboro. In my opinion you all priorities should be geared towards better police training, because of the lack of training citizens who enter into the police force have been poorly trained, which has resulted in situations where police are insensitive to those they encounter (Marcus Smith) as well as are not as observant to decide if situations they encounter are dangerous enough pursue with guns or excessive force. The shoot to kill training should be completely removed, this excessive training should be stripped from the police force immediately.

Lastly, No further funding should be provided to the Greensboro Police Department until there is a guaranteed (through action) to all citizens of Greensboro, specifically those who have experienced consistent unfair treatment from the Greensboro Police Department. Instead of increasing funding, you all should focus on ensuring that you all will execute a police reform, which includes the following, more effective training which includes safe zone training, physical training, extensive background checks, armless training (training without using ANY weapons on citizen) and have in place reasonable consequences for police who violate citizens' rights.

It is absolutely irresponsible to continue to fund a city service that needs much work within the system first. Granting more funding to a system that needs much works exemplifies to the community that Greensboro only cares about the order of the city and not the needs of the people in regards to education, city reconstruction, housing programs and much more. I ask that you all focus on the active steps you all will take to begin the police reform and focus on the needs of the build in regards to education, uniting communities and ensure equal representation for those races who have had consistent underrepresentation.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I hope you take my advice as a key to be a step towards change.

Have a blessed one.

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Kendall Rooks

Journalism and Mass Communications, Mass Media

2018-2019, 2019-2020 Treasurer, National Council of Negro Women

2018- 2019 COAHSS Senate.

2019-2020 Junior Class President

Founder, Dear Black U

Lord, Angela

From: Hayley Perusek <hayley.perusek@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Disapproval of Proposed Budget

My name is Hayley Perusek and I ask that you please do not redirect \$1 million dollars from Community Services to give to the Greensboro Police. I do not approve of this proposed budget in the slightest. That money should be used for neighborhood development. This money could be used to build new and revitalize existing community centers and housing programs for at-risk populations. The Greensboro police, nor any police, should be equipped with weapons to use against the people such as tear gas or rubber bullets. I have lived in Greensboro for over 10 years and attended Mendenhall Middle School in addition to being a Page High School graduate (class of 2015). The goal of the police is to serve and protect and i only forsee this funding increase as being used in a way that would threaten the civil liberties of the people of Greensboro by an already-over oppressive force. Please heed this e-mail and other voices that stand AGAINST the proposed budget to increase police budget.

Earnestly,
Hayley Perusek

Lord, Angela

From: Tyanna Rouse <tlrouse2015@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Sophie N <sophie.n@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Police funding

Given the current state of America, with minority populations being targeted, with the lack of funding and resources for medical personnel during a pandemic, I'm unsure how a budget increase for the police in Greensboro is useful or beneficial towards the greater needs of the community.

We need more social workers and mediators. The police needs less funding.

- Sophie Nunberg

Greensboro resident

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: mmf333@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Virtual Comment

Dear City Council,

As you discuss and vote on the proposed budget, I ask that you consider not cutting, but rather increasing the budget for Community Services and particularly neighborhood development. I realize that money is tight now, but I believe that money for the program will ultimately save much more money in the future.

Michael Flannery

Lord, Angela

From: Susan Burkholder <susanburkholder1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget

Dear City Council,

I'm contacting you about the proposed city budget presented by the City Manager that indicates an increase for the Police Department of two million dollars and a decrease for Community Services by one million dollars, specifically including a decrease for Neighborhood Development of \$55,000. As a long-term resident of Greensboro, I do not feel that this is a move in the right direction. We need to be funding solutions to our city's entrenched problems of poverty, a lack of affordable housing for low-income residents, and racial and economic disparities that continue to persist. I strongly urge you to shift more resources to solutions for uplifting those in our city who continue to be left behind.

Respectfully,

Susan Burkholder
1511 Oak Street
Greensboro, NC 27403

Lord, Angela

From: SunQueen Kelcey <sunqueenkelcey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Council: Requesting a Budget Decrease for Police but Increase for Communities

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Hi!

I am writing to share my opinion on Greensboro City Council decreasing the budget for community services and increasing it for the police. The police department already has more than enough equipment, PPE and guns. They even have an overflow of PPE meanwhile hospitals cannot even receive the proper PPE to care for patients during COVID-19. There is no reason why they should receive more money and communities receive less because crime stems from lack of education and poverty.

If you would use the money to build more community centers, improve and develop the neighborhoods then that would be a much better use of the money.

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With Big Energy and Love,

SunQueen Kelcey

Singer | Songwriter | MC
2017 R&B Artist of the Year
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Lord, Angela

From: angelicamford@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Feedback on Budget Proposal

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Sincerely,
Angelica Ford

Lord, Angela

From: Lawson Jones <lawsonjones32@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Thank you ,
Lawson Jones

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Naomi Caplan <caplanna@guilford.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm writing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars, with cuts also threatening the GTA and participatory budgeting. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating & strongly funding neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Naomi

Lord, Angela

From: SunQueen Kelcey <sunqueenkelcey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Council: Requesting a Budget Decrease for Police but Increase for Communities

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Lord, Angela

From: Trevor Embry <trevorembry1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

I do not agree with the proposed city budget. Inflating the police force budget while taking away from the community will cause more harm. Please consider investing more into the community as this will directly result in the police needing less funding. It is wrong to overfund the police while people are in the streets suffering due to their negligence, ignorance, and blatant racism.

Lord, Angela

From: Hannah Janke Richardson <han.riches@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund the GSO Police

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I am writing to you as an educator, a state employee, and a local member of the Greensboro community. I am greatly disappointed to see the budget allotting the Greensboro Police Department \$2 million, directly taking funds from neighborhood development and Greensboro citizens.

During these troubling times, the violence and brutality of the police has sent shockwaves across America. We’ve watched cops beat citizens who are peacefully protesting; pepper spraying children, hugging protestors and then attacking them an hour later, destroying property and blaming it on “radicals”. Americans are scared (especially black Americans) to live in this country.

I’m asking you to reconsider your budget and invest that money in your people; People who want access to recreation centers, parks, and libraries. People who want solutions for the homeless, help during the pandemic, and protective gear for medical workers on the frontline of covid-19.

People have lost their jobs, their insurance, their loved ones during this pandemic. We need you to help us, not to police us.

I was greatly disturbed watching the tactics of the Greensboro police on June 1. They threatened to shoot rubber bullets and tear gas canisters at peaceful protestors in front of the Woolworth’s. 50 years after the Greensboro 4 fought for desegregation at that very location, we are still witnessing the racism and violence of the police.

The police pushed protestors back (they complied) and then made arrests when the protestors scattered, yelling that they were going home. They arrested Malik Davis, who was sitting peacefully on the Nathaniel Greene statue. The mayor said the curfew would not arrest people who were innocent (a.k.a. not physically harming others.) These protestors were not harming anyone.

Greensboro wants justice for the slayings of black Americans at the hand of racist police. We want peace in our neighborhoods and downtown. We want our black brothers and sisters to be able to jog and birdwatch and drive without daily fear. Ramping up the police force is the opposite of what we are asking for.

Please consider investing this money in our community...Not-so-many years from now, the history books will describe this terrible time in America. And where will you be in the books?

Lord, Angela

From: Caitlin Dupont <caitlin.dupont@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars.

I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,

Caitlin Dupont

Lord, Angela

From: Deonna Kelli <deonnasayed@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget | Policing

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Greetings!

Instead of the same old conversations, I'd like to see the City of Greensboro engage in moral imagination around issues of policing and community engagement. Let's break the mold. Now is the perfect opportunity to do something different. Let's invest differently in this incredible city.

Greensboro can lead the way.

Deonna Kelli Sayed
Writer

[Deonna Kelli Sayed](#) | [Writer](#). [Storyteller](#). Global Citizen

Lord, Angela

From: Hadas Baron <hbaron2019@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Funds

Dear City Council:

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by 455,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community. #defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensboroRising

Sincerely,

Hadas Baron

Lord, Angela

From: diara lashawn <diara.deedee@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: It's time for change

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Lord, Angela

From: Caity MacLaren <caity.maclaren@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget

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Sincerely
Caitlin MacLaren

Lord, Angela

From: Justin Harrington <jharrington1998@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro City Council's Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

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Sincerely,
Justin

Lord, Angela

From: Asia Mohan <asiaemohan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Citizen Concerned About Budget Proposal

Dear City Council,

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Respectfully,
A. Mohan

Lord, Angela

From: Cynthia Graham <cyndim.graham@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed city budget.

Good afternoon,

As a citizen of Greensboro, I am writing in regard to the new outlined city budget that would increase funding for the police force in our city by gutting money meant to be used for Community and Neighborhood development. We should be funding recreation centers, affordable housing, and other ways to better our marginalized neighborhoods. Our people need support and help from our city. They do not need an overinflated police force.

Thank you for reading,
Cyndi Eller

Lord, Angela

From: Alex Parsons <parsonsalex21@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Uplift our Community

Dear City Council,

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Kindly, hopeful, and tired,

Alex Parsons.

Lord, Angela

From: Elsa Wansink <elsawansink@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Will Sharpe <wrsharpe1991@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Police funding

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has been decreased \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro and I am a proud member of my community, and I feel Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of overfunding the GDP, you reallocate those funds and put them toward building the community from within: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the budget and spend more of it uplifting our community.

Thank you for your time

Lord, Angela

From: Zahira Johnson <zmjohnson@aggies.ncat.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund the GPD and Reallocate Funds

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. This is grossly inappropriate considering the circumstances surrounding the police, the Black community, and inadequate funding given to Black communities. I am a student of North Carolina A&T State University, an HBCU here in Greensboro. I am proud to be an Aggie and I was raised to use my voice on the matters that concern the Black community. We all know that this increase in funding for the GPD and decrease in funding from the Neighborhood Development budget will disproportionately affect the Black community, and this effect will be negative. I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs instead of over-funding the GPD. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community. #defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensboroRising

Lord, Angela

From: Patrick Little <plittle13@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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Sincerely,

Patrick Little

Lord, Angela

From: Hunter McCoy <huntermccoy48@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I am here to email you about the proposed budget, presented by City Manager David Parrish. From what I understand, the budget is going to take 1 million dollars from community services and give 2 million dollars to the police department. I have lived in Greensboro as part of UNCG, and I love the town with all of my heart. That being said, I don't believe this budget is a good idea. If we wish for a safer and happier Greensboro, we should use what funds we have to create a better living environment and community for those that live in it. Improving neighborhoods, adding recreation centers, housing plans, parks, amenities, etc. will do wonders for upping the quality of life of those who live here. I ask that you reevaluate this budget, and use the money to uplift the community as much as possible so that we would not need to increase the budget of the police. Thank you, and have a good day.

Hunter McCoy

Lord, Angela

From: Ednan Ochieng <eochieng@aggies.ncat.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: FUND GREENSBORO COMMUNITIES

Dear City Council,

My name is Ednan and I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars.

I have been increasing involved with a local refugee community center at Legacy Crossing. I want to make sure recently relocated immigrants and refugees are welcomed and have the public safety net to ensure their basic needs. Their problem is not crime, they need housing and food. Neighborhood centers, like the one at Legacy Crossing, allow adults to work without abandoning their children. This community center also give those children school supplies and much need tutoring in English and math. If we divert funds to the police, this will impoverish the community and penalize them for it.

I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs.

I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our strong, diverse community.

Sincerely,
Ednan Ochieng

Lord, Angela

From: Hayley Putnam <hayleyjputnam@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000.

I am a resident of Greensboro and I am a proud member of my community, however, I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD, you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community, by creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs (all of which are desperately needed). I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community rather than dividing it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Hayley Putnam

Lord, Angela

From: Leila Haynesworth <1princessleila@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Monica Hernandez <monicahernandezb.63@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Opposing proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I am emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I have been informed that the budget increases the budget for the Greensboro Police Department by two million dollars. At the same time the budget for Community Services has been decreasing by more than one million dollars. I do not agree with the idea of funding being taken away from places such as Neighborhood Development. Two million dollars seems as it can be put towards more beneficial aspects of the Greensboro community, such as the 24 food deserts in southeast and east Greensboro. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting the Greensboro community through creating neighborhood recreation centers and community services.

Thank you.

Lord, Angela

From: Azariah Jones <ajones6@aggies.ncat.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

Dear City Council,

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Azariah Jones

Honors Economics Student

North Carolina A&T State University, '22

1601 E. Market Street Greensboro, NC 27401

Lord, Angela

From: E C <elizclem@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Re-Allocations to Proposed Budget

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Regards,

Elizabeth Clem

Lord, Angela

From: lewjj70@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: tara.jeffries@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget Concerns

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I realize the importance of the police in the community, but there is evidence to show that by investing in programs specifically for our black and brown communities, we are much more likely to cut down on incarceration and crime, over just being concerned about incarceration of those communities. It’s extremely concerning that during COVID and the protest of police brutality and killings of folks like George Floyd, that the Greensboro police department is being allotted additional funding although it’s being taken away from other areas of the community.

Please address and fix this. As someone who is involved in the Greensboro community, I want to feel proud of what our local government is doing.

If you’d like to reference any additional information on what it looks like when more investment is made in community infrastructure, please check out the following research journals:

https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/99262/public_investment_in_community-driven_safety_initiatives_1.pdf

<https://www.sentencingproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Incarceration-and-Crime-A-Complex-Relationship.pdf>

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Tara Jeffries

Lord, Angela

From: Nick VanBuskirk <vanbuskirk.nick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: proposed budget

Hello,

As a citizen of Greensboro, I do not agree with the proposed budget. There should be more money going into the community. NOT into the police. It's outrageous that money will be taken out of the community budget to further fund the police. I don't agree.

Nick VanBuskirk

Lord, Angela

From: Mary Katherine Terrell <mk.terrell99@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Sincerely,
Mary Katherine Terrell

Lord, Angela

From: Jessica Matlock <jessimatlock630@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: GPD Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,
Jessi Matlock

Lord, Angela

From: Alex Faulkner <ajfaulkn@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: GSO City Budget

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According to the 2019 Guilford County, Community Health Assessment "food access is an important issue," however, this is not reflected in the proposed 2020-2021 Greensboro budget. In the current proposal, the GPD is expected to receive \$80.0m and has seen a \$2.0m increase from the 2018-2019 budget whereas Community Services, which would help bring in Fresh Food Access to communities in need through the 2015 Fresh Food Action Plan, is projected to receive \$41.6m. Greensboro has a higher demand for bringing in full-service supermarkets into the remaining one-third of the residents who live at least one mile away from an affordable full-service supermarket, yet the proposed budget has made militarizing the police its priority. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community and bringing fresh food into our community instead of providing the GPD with any more funds that would help them continue to bring violence into the community. I have provided a link below that provides research-based solutions to stop police violence, created by Samuel Sinyangwe on Twitter.

<https://twitter.com/samswey/status/1180655701271732224?s=20>

#defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensbororising

Alex Faulkner
They/Them
BFA Acting
UNC Greensboro

Lord, Angela

From: Tomari Wright <twright111.tw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Sydney Thomas <sydneygthomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget Concerns

Hello,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by \$1 million, with cuts also threatening the GTA and programs like participatory budgeting. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding GPD funds were re-allocated towards bettering our community: creating & strongly funding neighborhood recreation center, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend money more uplifting to our community.

Best,
Sydney

Lord, Angela

From: Annabel Cannoy <annabelcannoy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

Council/City Manager,

I am emailing you about City Manager David Parrish's proposed budget. From what I understand, with this proposed budget the Greensboro Police Department will see an increased \$2 million while Community Services will lose \$1 million. More importantly, I've seen that Neighborhood Development has been decreased by \$55,000.

As a resident of Greensboro, I believe it would be more beneficial to our community to re-allocate the funds from the GPD to services that will actually make our community a safer place. I strongly believe that funding neighborhood recreational centers, community services, and housing programs are essential to a fair and honest community that fosters growth and opportunity.

I'm deeply concerned by these proposed changes in funding and urge you to re-consider this proposed budget. Like you, I want to see Greensboro thrive.

Thank you and have a great day.
Annabel Cannoy

Lord, Angela

From: alex zirkle <alekszirkle@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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Lord, Angela

From: Jalessa Morris <jalessa.morris@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund Police

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Ja'lessa Morris
email: jalessa.morris@gmail.com

"Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud"-Maya Angelou

Lord, Angela

From: Kati Buckner <kathryn.g.buckner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed City Budget

Dear City Council,

I am emailing about the proposed budget put forth by City Manager, David Parrish.

I understand that the police budget is proposed to be increased by \$2 million, while the budget for Community services has been decreased by \$1 million. More specifically, the budget for neighborhood development has been decreased by \$55,000.

I'm a longtime Greensboro resident and voter, and I am a proud member of the Greensboro community. I believe that our community will be better served if you reallocate some of the money from the police department and put it into community development: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community centers and housing programs.

I urge you to reevaluate this budget and allocate more funds to uplifting our community.

Positive change doesn't happen when you hold people down, it happens when you lift people up.

Gratefully yours,
Kati Buckner, JD

Lord, Angela

From: Lily Wieleba <wielebalj@guilford.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: proposed budget

Dear City Council,

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Lord, Angela

From: Josslin Lothakoun <jossllothakoun@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro City Council's Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

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Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Marie Collazo <marie.collazo@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Lord, Angela

From: Kimberly Oliver <koliver481@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Sincerely,

Kimberly Oliver

Lord, Angela

From: Anushka Saroha <anushkasaroha02@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget Concerns
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Lord, Angela

From: Emily Cinquemani <emcinque@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget Feedback

Dear City Council,

My name is Emily Cinquemani. I live in Greensboro, NC (27401), and I am a UNC-G alum as well as a current English Department Lecturer at UNC-G.

I am emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million, while the budget for community services has been decreased by \$1 million, with cuts also threatening the GTA and programs like participatory budgeting. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000.

I am a proud member of the Greensboro community. I believe Greensboro is a great place, but I also believe we should always strive to improve our community. I think Greensboro would be a safe place if, instead of overfunding the GPD, you reallocated funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating & strongly funding a neighborhood recreation center, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend money more uplifting to our community.

Thank you,

Emily

Lord, Angela

From: Meredith Alt <altmeredith@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Community Feedback Regarding the GPD Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, I grew up here and I love my community, and I whole-heartedly believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if we redirected the additional funding to the GPD towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Lord, Angela

From: Hannah Hall <hhall870@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Lord, Angela

From: Jeff W <jwilson434@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Reallocation of budget resources

Dear City Council,

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Jeff Wilson

Lord, Angela

From: Allison Austin <calially94@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by city manager David Parish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by \$1 million, with cuts also threatening the GTA and programs like participatory budgeting. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro and I am a proud member of this community. However, I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD, you re-allocate those funds and put them towards bettering our community: by creating & strongly funding neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend money on things to uplift our community.

Thank you,

Allison

Lord, Angela

From: Leah Walker <leahwalker114@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: GSO Strong Together

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Additionally, the 8pm curfew is damaging to our community as there are people who fear having any contact with police officers simply because they are trying to get home, go to and from work, or even go out and get food and other essential supplies. We as a community should not have to live in fear in a city that we all love and want to call home because power drunk police officers will harm us or even kill us. I implore you to trust your citizens and let us exercise our right to gather and protest peacefully.

We will build a stronger community together if our leaders prioritize funds that actually build to and reinforce the foundations that actually help the community and its future.

As a member of the LGBT community, I am proud that Greensboro is the most LGBT friendly city in the state.

I am proud of Greensboro for being one of the epicenters of the Civil Rights movement, and home to one of the most world renowned HBU. As well as many wonderful and valuable Black owned restaurants and businesses.

We have the advantage to set a ground-breaking example of a peaceful and mutual relationship between city leaders and citizens. We can keep making history together and show this state how a better future can be built. We can only be GSO strong if we do it together, and it starts with defending and protecting Black lives!

Thank you for your time,
- Leah W.

Lord, Angela

From: Keith Grant <kgrant@redhat.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget Proposal

City Council,

I'm a resident of Greensboro, and I would like to comment on the budget proposal recently put forth by the city manager.

Seeing the projected budget for the police department grow by over two million dollars for 2021-22, a growth of *six* million dollars since 2018-19, is bewildering. Setting aside the not insignificant problem of the hypermilitarization of an already overprovisioned police force, there are a plethora of more deserving candidates for that budget allocation.

Specifically, I would like to bring up the interconnected issues of housing, public transport, and sidewalks in Greensboro. As new development continues at the boundaries of the city, the opportunities provided by that development are left inaccessible to residents or potential residents who can't afford housing in those areas and are already poorly served by a barely functional bus network. Add to that how hostile much of the city is to pedestrians (e.g., a complete lack of sidewalks and crosswalks in many parts of town) and the total effect is an invisible tax on residents in the form of gas and vehicle maintenance. I know it's a far concern from everyone's minds at the moment, but there are obvious climatic impacts as well.

Thus I urge the Council, especially at a time when the use of excessive force by police, who inevitably escape any accountability for their actions, is the topic of local, state, national, and global discussion: Don't reward the police for bad behavior. Let us be judged by how we treat the most vulnerable among us, and let us act accordingly.

Thank you for your time,
Keith Grant

Lord, Angela

From: Bonnie Zhang <zhangb271@ymail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro City Budget

Dear Greensboro City Council,

Upon analyzing the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish, I see there will be a projected 2 million dollar increase for the Greensboro Police Department and while sections of Community Services receive less than 500 thousand dollars, remain stagnant, or even in the case of Neighborhood Development, decrease.

I am a member and student of the Greensboro community and I urge you to reevaluate the budget. Take away funding from the Police Department; *decrease* the Police Department budget from the 2019-2020 adopted budget. Invest those millions into the community, such as library funds, neighborhood development, and public transport.

Instead of pouring resources into silencing your community, uplift it.

Thank you,
Bonnie Zhang

Lord, Angela

From: Emily H. <emmynh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund the Greensboro Police Department

Dear City Council/City Manager,

I am emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million, where the budget for Community Services has been decreased by \$1 million, with cuts also threatening the GTA and programs like participatory budgeting. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of this community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating and strongly funding neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to evaluate the proposed budget and spend money in a way more uplifting to our community.

Best,
Emily

Lord, Angela

From: Rosalie Austin <rosalie_austin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by city manager David Parish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by \$1 million, with cuts also threatening the GTA and programs like participatory budgeting. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of this community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocate those funds and put them towards bettering our community: by creating & strongly funding neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend money on things to uplift our community.

Thank you,

Rosalie Austin

Lord, Angela

From: Kaleigh Quick <kaleighquick@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

Hi there,

I am emailing you about the proposed budget for the city of Greensboro, presented by the City Manager, David Parrish. I understand that the budget for Greensboro Police Department will increase by 2 million dollars, while budgets for other necessary departments will either stay the same or decrease. I am a resident of Greensboro and I am a proud member of this community, however I am NOT proud of the way Greensboro Police Department has been mistreating protesters and has been mis-treating black people for as long as Greensboro has been a city. I believe Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD, you re-allocated those funds and put them towards better our community: creating & strongly funding neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs for those who are in need of affordable, stable housing. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thanks,

Kaleigh Quick

Lord, Angela

From: Ryland Taylor <ryland1austin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Virtual Comment

Dear City Council/Manager,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by \$1 million, with cuts also threatening the GTA and programs like participatory budgeting. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has been reduced by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro and a proud member of our community. However, I believe that Greensboro would be just as safe a place if instead of over-funding the Police Department, you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community; creating new and strongly funding existing neighborhood rec centers, funding community services and housing programs, etc.

I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and to spend our tax dollars on more substantial efforts to enrich and improve our city, something that over-funding the Police Department will be far less effective at doing.